Community Budget Summit

Tough Choices and Community Expectations What do you suggest?

November 1, 2006



Final Report

November 1, 2006 Final Report

Introduction

The Community Budget Summit took place on Wednesday, November 1 from 6:15 to 10 pm. Those who signed in to receive the final report totaled 69, while approximately a half dozen were observed joining groups without signing in. An estimated 75 attended the workshop.

Objectives

The City Council and Mayor had requested a workshop with Redmond residents that would allow them to discuss the City's priorities. The objectives of the Summit were to:

- Provide an opportunity for residents to meet and talk with the City's elected officials
- Rate the importance residents place on the various functions of government
- Identify the types and levels of services and programs residents expect in Redmond
- Generate a list of statements that reflect what residents want

Background

One of the challenges the City faces in developing the 2007-2008 budget is attaining a clear sense of how the community prioritizes City programs and services. This prioritization can, in turn, help to determine which programs and services will be funded.

The 2006 Resident Benchmarking Survey served to provide a snapshot of how residents rate City services. The Community Budget Summit was designed to provide the City with more thorough feedback from residents and to help residents become more aware of the array of programs the City Council and Mayor are factoring into their budget conversations.

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Welcome and Overview

Mayor Rosemarie Ives and Council President Nancy McCormick

Introduction of Council Priority Statements

- Councilmember Kim Allen
 - Security of people and property
 - Mobility of people and goods
 - Utility services
 - Recreation opportunities
- Sustainable and vibrant economy
- Building community
- o Healthy natural environment
- Protection of assets

Small Group Exercise 1 - Importance of priorities

• Councilmembers and Mayor facilitate

Group Reports in Council Chambers

Survey Results presented by The Gilmore Research Group

Video - Residents commenting on what makes up a community?

Small Group Exercise 2 - Basic vs. quality community – What's right for Redmond?

Rate "I want" statements in Large Group